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Annual Report Reveals Progress

Northern California Conference statistics for the forthcoming issue of the national Year Book have been compiled and have gone forward. Our membership now stands at the all-time high of 23,090. Of this number, 8,886 or 38% are male. Our absentee list is about 300 higher than last year and may be caused by the number of young folk who are in the Services. We received a total of 2,117 new members, of whom almost exactly one half were on confession of faith. Our losses were 262 by death, 343 by letter, and 523 by revision, so that the gain was 989.

After a series of years in which there were losses in the church schools, we showed a gain of about 350, but the membership of our young people's societies was down by about 80.

As would be expected, there was a substantial increase in the amounts spent by our churches for their own programs, jumping from $346,000 to $422,000. Evidently churches are re-appraising their property in the light of increased building costs, for the valuation as reported is about $100,000 in excess of that of a year ago, and now totals about $3,030,000. Twelve churches have debts totaling $33,000, and twenty-eight have invested funds amounting to about $176,000. The average salary of regular pastors was $2,212. Statistics regarding benevolences appear in another column.

Twenty-two churches received no new members on confession of faith during the year. Two received more than 100, one received more than 50, seven more than 25, and nineteen more than 10. Forty-one churches reported $40,000 as new building expenses. Of our 100 churches, 73 are cared for by ordained Congregational pastors, 14 by ordained men from other denominations, two by licentiates and one by a layman. Three churches are inactive and seven are vacant. There are 146 ordained Congregational ministers who are members of our Conference. A year ago there were 98 churches on our list, one of which had gone out of existence during 1943, but in 1944 three were added, so that at present we have an even 100.

BAY ELECTS

The annual meeting of the Bay Association of Congregational Churches was held on Tuesday, March 6, from 5 to 8 p. m. It was preceded and followed by an Earl lecture. The Association speaker was Rev. Stanley U. North of our Board of Home Missions, New York, who challenged the representatives of this metropolitan area with the problems peculiarly confronting churches in the modern city. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Moderator: Rev. J. H. McCartney; Vice-Moderator: Rev. Laurence L. Cross; Registrar: Rev. Huber Burr; Assistant Registrar: Rev. Eugene Sill.

Board of Directors: Miss Mary Coxhead, Rev. Herbert Dimock, Mr. Scott Haymond, Mr. R. W. Kretsinger, Mrs. J. H. McCartney.

Credentials Committee: (Class of 1947) Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Hugh Vernon White; (hold over: Rev. Holland Burr in place of Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. Miles B. Fisher).

SPRING MEETINGS

The schedule for our spring meetings as now set up is as follows:

Tuesday, April 19, Spring Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, South Berkeley Community Church.

Friday, April 20, Central Association at Lodi, First Church.

Tuesday, April 24, Santa Clara Association at San Mateo.

Wednesday, April 25, Redwood Empire Association at Sonoma.

Thursday, April 26, Upper Bay Association at Benicia.

Thursday, May 3, Sacramento Valley Association at Paradise.

Friday, May 4, to Sunday, May 6, inclusive, German Conference at Free Cross Church, Fresno.

Monday, May 7, San Joaquin Association at Fowler.

Whether or not the Bay Association will have a meeting so closely following the annual meeting, held on March 6, is a question still to be determined by the officers.

Our visiting speaker will be Miss Mary Ingle, young Christian internationalist, who has been teaching in an American mission school in Turkey. She was born in London and educated in England, Italy, and America. She escaped from Greece to Turkey after German air raids had begun. She has an interesting story and knows how to tell it. With Miss Ingle will be Mrs. Helen Price, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, Field Secretary William W. Meyer, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. Programs are being arranged by the committees of the several Associations, normally constituted of moderator, registrar, pastor of entertaining church, and the woman president for the Association.

BE IT RESOLVED

Resolution passed unanimously by the Annual Meeting of the Bay Association of Congregational Churches of California, March 6, 1945:

We recommend to the member churches of the Bay Association of Congregational Churches of Northern California the extension of a cordial welcome to all persons of Japanese ancestry who return to this area, together with the integration of laymen and ministers into the now existing churches.

Final Total

When all the gifts of our northern California churches to the regular budgets of the Boards and the Conference were totalled, including the remittances through our State office and those direct to the treasuries in Boston and New York and to the treasury of our German Conference, we find the very impressive figure of $53,136, which is a gain of more than $6,300.

Gifts from the churches to unbudgeted items, including the Christmas Fund, Port Chicago, and the Unit Plan, total $9,483, a gain of $400. As reported in February, we sent to the Committee for War Victims and Services $11,853. This brings our giving through the treasurers of our regular Congregational enterprises up to $74,472. The churches themselves report $26,000 more in "other gifts."

Well Done, Men

The Laymen's School of Churchmanship, held on February 25, was a surprising success in many ways. There were 107 men present in spite of transportation difficulties. Everyone invited to participate on the program accepted and no one was forced to change his plans.

Mr. Harold T. Avery presided in a most gracious and acceptable manner; Mr. George B. Martin handled all of the details of registrations and room assignments effectively; Mr. Peirce Coombes had a worthwhile conference with keymen; and Moderator David H. Gill promoted a spirit of fellowship by his presiding and introductions at the dinner. Reports from the various classes which were given at the final session showed that leaders and auditors came to grips with the everyday tasks of church laymen and officers. Every report thus far received from men who attended has been highly enthusiastic and appreciative.

AU REVOIR

Just as copy goes to the printer comes the shocking news of the death of George N. White, who was due to be our Association speaker. He was exceedingly well known and always welcome in the churches of this Conference. He will be greatly missed here and elsewhere. The Missions Council is sending in his place Miss Mary Ingle of Turkey.

WORK CAMP AT CAZADERO

Some 35 young people and adult leaders will spend March 26 to 30th hard at work preparing for coming summer camps at Cazadero—pouring concrete, washing floors and windows, digging holes, mending fences, washing and sorting dishes, and lots more. Mr. Clarence Young, the new camp manager, will supervise the work of the crews, with the help of Mrs. Scott Haymond, Mr. O. B. Paulsen, Rev. Wim Meyer, and others. Mrs. Cora Oberg will be chief cook. Workers will earn their board (!) and only cost will be transportation. Greyhound bus will be met at Monte Rio. A strict limit of 5 per church has been set, and the crew may be complete as this goes to press. The work camp will include the discipline of morning devotions, and will climax in a Holy Thursday Communion service and a closing Good Friday service.

A work crew of ministers will have their share in fixing up the Camp, in the four days immediately after Easter. Ministers who take a few days off at that time are invited to spend them at Cazadero, in the fellowship and inspiration of the place and in the adventure of building together. For further information, write the Camp Commission, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, Calif.

Come Again

For nineteen days Northern California had the benefit of the hard work, careful study, broad vision, the practical experience, and inspiring leadership of Rev. Stanley U. North, director of the Department of City Work and of the Committee on War Services of our Board of Home Missions. During that time no less than sixteen churches were visited and in most instances a thoroughgoing study was made of the situation, the resources, and the opportunities. In addition there were consultations regarding the work in three defense housing areas, and addresses were delivered at the Layman's School of Churchmanship, the annual meeting of the Bay Association, and the Pacific School of Religion chapel.

Exceedingly helpful advice was given regarding church building problems at Berkeley Arlington, Orinda, San Lorenzo, San Francisco Ocean View, San Jose, Fairfax, and Oakland Pilgrim. Lodi, Ebenezer and Fresno, First Churches seem to be facing not only new building programs but the necessity of relocation. One splendid opportunity for new work in a fast growing community was uncovered near Sacramento and preliminary steps were taken toward the securing of property.

CAZADERO SLIDES

FLASH! KODACHROME SLIDES OF CAZADERO are now available. Write to Field Secretary Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, to make your reservation. Be sure to allow time for mailing, and be prepared to take a second choice in dates if necessary. Another set, on the 1944 Lake Sequoia P. F. Camp, gives a good cross section of Christian Camp life, and will be especially good for groups which have not been to camp before. The Cazadero set was taken by Rev. David Stowe, the Sequoia set by Harrison Smith and Dave Stowe.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

By REV. W. H. L. MARSHALL, Paradise

Jesus was a true universalist in that he had a sympathetic interest in all persons. No person was outside his helpful ministration. He was born of a people whose outlook on humanity was narrow and whose interest in persons was confined to their own race, but he transcended that narrow outlook and saw humanity as one great brotherhood.

While the gospel according to Matthew bears on its face a strong Jewish tinge, yet even it stresses Jesus' universal interest in persons. Read the eighth and ninth chapters, noting the marvelous variety of persons to whom he ministers. The list shows how genuine was his concern for all persons. This is all the more striking when we remember that most of these were persons with whom the religious leaders of that day would have nothing to do. They were to be avoided. To even touch them would corrupt you and make you unclean.

This universal interest of Jesus in persons is revealed by the prominence given to the word "all" throughout his teaching. "Go ye into ALL the world." "Make disciples of ALL nations." "One is your Master and ALL ye are brethren." "That ye ALL may be one." "Come unto me ALL ye that labor and are heavy laden." His sympathetic interest in persons was all inclusive. E. Stanley Jones suggests that when we repeat the pledge to the flag, we stop and ask, "Do we mean liberty and justice to ALL or to some?" This is worth thinking about in this day of class strife, race hatred and national snobbishness.

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THE NEW YEAR

A glance at the church by church list below indicates two decided improvements, first, in the period from Jan. 11 to Feb. 28 there is a gain of about $300 over the year before, and second, there are ten more churches who made remittances during the period than in the corresponding period a year ago. But this again raises a question, since ten additional churches ought to account for a gain of more than $300. March should be one of the best months of the year, for it is the close of the Conference fiscal year. Treasurers are earnestly requested to make remittances right after Sunday, the 25th. The books will close on Saturday, the 31st. There is no extension of time as there is in January, at the end of the apportionment year.

Church	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, '45	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, '44
Alameda	$ 95.16	
Alturas	5.14	$ 8.82
Angels Camp	3.00	
Auburn	20.00	20.00
Benicia	30.00	
Berkeley, First	1,104.17	1,147.83
North	72.20	63.07
South	53.90	
Cloverdale	18.70	18.11
Crockett		24.00
Eureka	108.71	112.14
Fresno, First	500.00	300.00
Pilgrim	14.62	100.00
Lodi, First	649.00	400.00
Martinez	70.91	
Murphys	2.40	81.00
Oakland, First	440.00	890.00
Japanese	15.00	
Pilgrim	15.00	10.00
Plymouth	139.78	210.77
Orinda	35.80	
Oroville	8.40	11.43
Palo Alto	300.00	
Paradise	25.00	50.00
Penngrove	22.71	44.17
Pittsburg	24.47	
Porterville	400.00	200.00
Reedley	25.00	
Ripon		60.18
Sacramento	160.00	160.00
Salida	6.00	
San Carlos	40.00	
San Francisco, First		81.98
Ocean View	3.00	20.00
San Jose	131.21	118.67
San Leandro	6.35	11.40
San Mateo		70.00
Santa Cruz	150.00	175.00
Santa Rosa	14.00	12.50
Sebastopol	10.00	
Sonoma	3.12	
Soquel	30.00	
Stockton	103.44	39.00
Tulare		75.00
Reno, Nevada	40.05	55.40
Miscellaneous & Individual	100.00	117.95
	$4,996.24	$4,688.42

Allied Dry Forces

The board of directors of the California Temperance Federation, Northern Area, announces that Mr. Harold B. Wilson will become its executive director beginning April 1. He has had a similar position with the Allied Dry Forces of Nebraska. In making this announcement, Rev. Francis Shunk Downs, president, urges that Mr. Wilson be invited to churches and church gatherings and believes that the hour has come when the rising tide of opposition to the liquor business should find effective and organized expression.

CAZADERO FUND FIRST REPORT

The Cazadero Fund campaign committee originally planned to print in this issue of The Pacific two columns of figures, one of which would show the cash received at the office and the other the total amounts expected from the churches. Preliminary reports indicate that there remains to be done so much work that a report of ultimate expectations at this stage of the game would be unfair and even impossible. Some churches that have sent in very litle cash and are not yet able to make any estimates are planning to do a very thorough job of solicitation after Easter. In some instances the figures set forth below represent total amounts to be received, and others a very small part. In addition to the $16,098 cash which has come in, we have fairly accurate estimates totaling $7,313 to come, and ever so many churches are saying, "We will be doing still more." Up to the present time considerably more than half of the cash received has come from individuals not requesting that their gifts be credited to their churches.

Antioch	$ 148.50
Auburn	25.00
Benicia	106.00
Berkeley, Arlington	44.00
First	618.30
North	35.00
South	179.00
Cloverdale	100.00
Cotati	57.00
Ferndale	145.00
Fowler	10.00
Fresno, First	662.00
Pilgrim	100.00
Guerneville	202.00
Hayward	110.00
Lodi, First	1,374.29
Martinez	165.51
Mill Valley	23.00
Murphys	42.00
Oakland, Bethany	25.00
First	470.00
Fruitvale	75.00
Pilgrim	31.00
Plymouth	100.00
Orinda	101.45
Oroville	10.00
Palo Alto	634.50
Paradise	1.00
Penngrove	30.00
Petaluma	10.00
Porterville	143.75
Rio Vista	233.50
Ripon	165.50
Sacramento	283.00
Salida	35.00
San Francisco, Calvary	25.00
Grace United	89.75
First	5.00
Santa Cruz	50.00
Saratoga	312.00
Sebastopol	82.00
Soquel	30.00
Stockton	3.00
Tulare	17.00
Miscellaneous	8,989.00
Total	$16,098.05

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GERMAN BRETHREN

When the February issue of PACIFIC went to press, we did not have the data concerning the giving of our German churches. We are happy to print herewith a church by church list. In the first column is the amount going on regular apportionment to the Conference and the Boards. In the second column is included that which is unbudgeted and for the special German projects of missions in South America, the theological seminary and Yankton College.

	Apportionment	Unbudgeted & Special
Biola	$ 746.00	$ 694.00
Dinuba	145.00	138.00
Elk Grove	179.00	215.00
Fresno, Free Cross	1,004.00	1,061.00
Fresno, Zion	668.00	546.00
Lodi, Ebenezer	919.00	1,034.00
Sanger	64.00	49.00
	$3,725.00	$3,737.00

Last year the total apportionment figure was $3,592. It thus appears that in common with all of our churches, our German speaking friends have made very substantial gains. The same applies to their own projects.

"A Million Hungry"

Rufus Jones in his new book, THE RADIANT LIFE, speaks of the terribly long era of darkness through which we are living today, and says, in particular, "I can hear, as I lie awake at night, a million hungry, frightened children crying, 'How much longer is this night going to be?' "

In every issue of LEST WE FORGET, the news letter from the Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Services, there are piteous stories of children in many lands who lack practically everything—clothing, food, housing, and care,—which most of our American children enjoy constantly. Let me quote some of the statements.

"Countless children will bear the deformities of war for a lifetime. Their deepest needs lie far beyond the armistice."

"It was a cold winter night in China. One of the relief workers hurrying along the street saw a small boy huddled in a doorway with a dirty piece of burlap over his shoulder. He would have died of hunger and cold had not the worker rushed him to the relief center. Thousands of others, in other streets in other cities, did go unnoticed and did perish alone."

"English parsons have put bread into the hands of those whose homes were bombed out, and have seen waifs asleep under blankets bought by some sacrificial gift."

"Our hearts are touched and warmed as we read about our boys helping and sharing wherever they go. Who of us with a boy abroad does not look twice at certain pictures to see if perhaps that is he giving the piece of bread to that little girl or comforting that baby?"

The words of the nobleman to Jesus as recorded in the gospetl of John are pointedly meant for us, too, today: "Come down ere my child die."

—Miriam S. Converse.

REV. NORIO OZAKI TO RETURN

Rev. Norio Ozaki, pastor of the Oakland Japanese Independent Congregational Church, was a visitor in the Bay Area, attending the conference on World Order, the Earl Lectures, and the annual meeting of the Bay Association. He hopes soon to return to Oakland to be of assistance to his people in finding homes and making readjustments as they take up life and labor again in this area.

RIPON. Rev. A. C. Hacke, pastor, points out that the Ripon church and Sunday School contributed for regular benevolence apportionment, Unit plan, Thank Offering, Christmas Fund, and War Victims and Services, $650.00 during 1944, a very fine showing for a small church. An excellent sheaf of reports was published for the annual meeting on January 31.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

The Wednesday evening Bible Study class at Plymouth House have been giving their attention to biography, including such characters as "Joab, Man of Power"; "Elijah, Man of Mystery"; "Peter, Prince of Apostles"; "Mary, Mother of Jesus." The Sunday evening programs have followed the theme: "The Good Life Means Work." Plymouth House is undertaking to raise funds for the Cazadero Camp project. Rev. David Stowe is the director.

BROTHER JONATHAN

Jonathan Dimock, normally sized and lusty, took up residence on February 15 with Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Dimock of the Arlington Avenue Community Church. He is the first child of the Dimocks and the first grandchild of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph C. Waddell.

CHRISTIAN EDCATION

Stimulus and inspiration have come to dozens of Church School superintendents and teachers through the visit of Erwin L. Shaver of our national Division of Christian Education. Dr. Shaver travelled over 1300 miles and spoke at 40 meetings in 16 days. In addition to conferences with teachers in each area, there were many important sessions with regional and local committees on Weekday Religious Education, a movement now enlisting over a million children in 44 states, and growing rapidly in northern California.

"A Modern Church School in Action," tells in Kodachrome slides what a well organized and well equipped church school can be. "Small Rain," based on the book of the same title, is designed for worship and teaching material for Primaries—but adults and young people have seemed to enjoy it, too! Both sets are at present available at 50 cents rental from the office of Field Secretary Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. A new men's organization is under way and the women's fellowship has been formally organized, also a high school age group. A part-time secretary has been added to the staff. The community center program is expanding in quality and quantity. Average attendance for February was 180, reaching on one Sunday 200. The pastors are Mr. Roy Nichols and Rev. Buell Gallagher.

SARATOGA. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is preaching a series of Lenten sermons on "Crises of the Christ." During the same period, Sunday evening services are held in various homes of the parish. A pastor's class is being conducted, using the outline of "The Christian's Commitment," largely prepared by Mr. Morrow and published by the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Mrs. Earl Large of this church has presented, through the pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr, a large American Flag to the Cazadero Camp, in memory of her son, Earl Large, who lost his life in the country's service. It will be received by Field Secretary Meyer on March 25th. The requested amount of $75.00 was paid promptly by this church for Cazadero.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Gordon Foster is presenting "Portraits of the Prophets" as his Lenten sermon series. Classes for young people and adults in preparation for church membership are being conducted. Each Wednesday evening doctrinal studies on God, Jesus, Prayer, Suffering, and the Kingdom are followed.

SOQUEL. This little white church in the vale is serving a fifty square mile area, including Aptos and Capitola and the mountains and valleys lying behind, with clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, social evenings, and services of worship. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. A drive for $15,000 for a new building has been decided upon and a campaign committee has been elected. Rev. Ivan B. Wong is pastor.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PORT CHICAGO. Repairs, renovations, and decorations are complete on the church and parsonage. While small, it is a most useful and attractive plant. The bills are all paid and there is a slight balance to be returned to the Committee for War Victims and Services and a larger balance to assist in the salary of a full time minister. The church has called Rev. Leonard C. Fuqua, who has been residing in San Mateo but who was for many years minister of several churches in Nebraska. Mr. Fuqua will move to Port Chicago and will begin his ministry on Easter Sunday. The Church and the Conference owe a great debt to Rev. N. F. Sanderson of Martinez, who has served as pastor of the church and as superintendent of construction since the first of August. It is largely through his attention and leadership that the splendid results have been achieved.

ORINDA. Rev. Miles B. Fisher, who served this church at its beginning and until a few months ago, has been made Pastor Emeritus. A careful study is being made as to whether the property purchased for a new building will be adequate. Plans are laid for a financial campaign to begin April 15 under professional leadership. The average attendance at Sunday School is 86, and would be very much larger but for the fact that every square inch of space is occupied. Rev. and Mrs. Palmer Williams are now comfortably located in the parsonage recently purchased.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. More than 600 children and young people are being served by the various organizations of this church. On Wednesday evenings, at a School for Christian Living, the message to the churches from the Cleveland meeting of the Federal Council is being discussed. A luncheon following church on March 11 honored Miss Alice L. Osborne, who for thirty years has been the church secretary. There was a veritable outpouring of gifts and expressions of love in appreciation for her notable service. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the February meeting, the Women's League reported that in the previous year $3,426 was raised and distributed. New officers were installed by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor. A midweek Lenten series is being given on "Great Christian Virtues." The Fellowship Club recently had as guests the young people of Plymouth Church and Piedmont Community Church for a social evening. Fifty new brides, young matrons, and mothers of Sunday School children were entertained at a get-acquainted luncheon in the manse.

SAN LORENZO. Average congregations have reached 73 and average attendance at Sunday School 119. Rev. Homer Schwarz has now completely organized four neighborhood colonies, each with a chairman, secretary, deacon, deaconess, men's association representative, women's association representative, and greeter. Nineteen interested members and officers met with Rev. Stanley U. North and Superintendent Gill for a very thorough discussion of the new church building project.

SAN MATEO. Sunday School attendance is averaging 25 percent above that of a year ago. March is a month in which several outside speakers are being heard, including Rev. Erwin L. Shaver, Mr. Galen Fisher, and Dr. Hugh Moran of the War Prisoners Aid of the YMCA. Lenten devotional groups are meeting in homes on Sunday evenings. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. "The Cruise of the Good Ship Federated" provided an interesting framework for the annual meeting of the Federated Church. The speakers' table was decorated with model ships and with individual ship place cards. The pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, as "Chief Navigator," served as toastmaster, calling for responses from the various groups, from the "Chart House" (Board of Elders) to "Apprentice Seamen" (Young people). During the year there was a net gain of thirty members. Despite large unbudgeted expenditures incident to the change of pastors, reports showed all bills paid and an increase in benevolence giving. Since the church is filled almost to capacity on a normal Sunday morning plans have been made for two identical Easter services at 9:30 and 11 a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. In an effort to interest a considerable number of the strangers that are attending each Sunday, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, has invited members of the church to join a "win one" movement. Congregations are large and the ministry of this church in downtown San Francisco is one of exceeding importance. Forty-eight persons have come into fellowship since February 1. The church now has a Pilgrim Fellowship organization. On Friday afternoons there is discussion of World Organization for Peace under the auspices of the Northern California Council of World Citizens.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Both Boy and Girl Scouts attended on Scout Sunday at Angels Camp church. After years in which we Congregationalists have held the fort as the only Protestant church, we now have competition with a Christian and Missionary Alliance group. The Church School has a ten-piece orchestra, led by Miss Dorothy Schmidt of the high school, which is active in youth groups. The ministry of Rev. John G. Dickey has continued at Fricot and White Pines. Scout Sunday was also celebrated at Murphys. Both churches are meeting their quotas for Cazadero.

PORTERVILLE. Rev. Roy Campbell of San Diego was speaker at the annual men's dinner on Lincoln Day. There was a record breaking attendance at the women's Colonial Tea. There was an art exhibit and fine music. The general theme of the Lenten sermons being given by Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is "Our God is Marching On." Each Wednesday evening there is a fellowship supper followed by singing and Bible study. Rev. L. L. Wirt, organizer of the church, preached on a recent Sunday morning.

GUERNEVILLE. At the elk dinner a fund of $160 was raised for the youth conference and Pilgrim Fellowship. This church is one of the leaders in the giving to Cazadero. A bi-racial group from Codornices Community visited Guerneville and competed in basketball and touch football with Guerneville church boys. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hayden have aided in organizing a community library. A group of the young people pruned the orchard at the Cazadero Camp site.

LODI, FIRST. The pastor of this church, Rev. A. R. Boone, justified his appointment as chairman of the Cazadero finance committee in leading his own church to give what will probably be one of the highest per capita contributions in the Conference, the total for the church reaching $1,435. Mr. Boone has several pre-Easter classes in preparation for church membership,and his Lenten sermon series is on "Vital Christianity for today."

PARADISE. The dedication dinner and program was a great success. The number of tickets was limited to 200, the capacity of the dining room. Improvements made during the year have cost over $1,800, all of which has been covered. The auditorium and rostrum have been carpeted, the choir loft rearranged, the center aisle has been widened, the kitchen has been enlarged and equipped, an addition has been built to provide rest room and kitchenette, and at the rear of the building a community picnic and playground has been arranged, with tables, fireplace, barbecue pit, badminton and volley ball court. The hope is now to have a new pipe organ. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall is the pastor.

CAMPBELL. Speakers on Alaska and Siberia have been presented by the Youth Forum, designed to give young people a wider understanding of the world. The series has been well attended. This church was host to a junior high rally when over 75 young people from San Jose, Saratoga, and Soquel were present. Easter letters are going out to the eighty-three absent men and women, carrying news regarding the whereabouts of each one. Religious education on released time is opening. Mrs. J. H. Bennett, the wife of the pastor, is very ill and their son, Dennis, has been called home from his studies in Chicago for a visit.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. For several months this church has been wrestling with the problem of location. The original site seemed to be inadequate in size. Several other locations were thoroughly studied, and it now appears that a large lot, well located for future expansion, is available. The church holds option and will vote shortly as to whether or not it will be acquired. A splendid conference of Sunday School teachers and parents met with Field Secretary W. W. Meyer for a very profitable evening, and voted to have at least three such gatherings a year. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. On the 6th anniversary of the coming of the pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, nine adult members were received into fellowship. Seven more have been added since that date. Membership has been multiplied by six in six years. There are now 17 different denominations represented in the fellowship, including Roman and Greek Catholic as well as Jewish, Latter Day Saints, and many others. On Wednesday evenings the deacons are sponsoring Lenten services when "The Man Christ Jesus" is the theme of study.

SANTA CRUZ. Ten new members were received at the last communion service. Representatives of various churches have appeared at the Pilgrim Fellowship meetings, including the Jewish Synagogue, the Catholic Church, the Quakers, and the Brethren. Various groups combined for a dinner and sale, bringing in $225.00 for postwar building improvements. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Miss Agnes Robb has become the church secretary, releasing Miss Alice English for full time Director of Education and Children's Work. Rev. and Mrs. Donald F. Gaylord and Miss English were tendered a lovely valentine party which took the form of an old fashioned pound party.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. Rev. Robert W. Moon has been on the field since February 1st and is finding a hearty response. With delegates, he was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Bay Association.

FRESNO, FIRST. All church families and members of the women's organization are now receiving The Missionary Herald as well as The Pacific. Nearly a thousand people heard Erika Mann describe her recent experiences as a war correspondent. Other forum speakers have been Estela Ronuldez Sulit and Dr. Kirby Page. The Pilgrim Fellowship high school group has a membership of 45. Rev. John H. Gregg, has been reelected as vice-chairman and member of the executive committee of the Fresno County Chapter of the Red Cross. The church has subscribed $622.00 for the Committee for War Victims and Services for the new year.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Church attendance continues to gain. Four new members united in January. Carpet for the aisles and chancel has been laid. The Sunday School room and furniture have been repainted. Work has started on the lawn. Further new members are being enlisted through participation in the Oakland inter-church home visitation. The pastor, Rev. Byron Eshelman, is conducting a class for young people. Ten junior high youngsters attended the San Leandro rally. A fruitful conference regarding future building plans was held with Rev. Stanley North and Superintendent Gill.

OROVILLE. A Laymen's Communion Service following breakfast on Sunday, February 25, brought a splendid response. On five Wednesday evenings supper is being served, followed by a fellowship in Christian Faith and Experience. The pastor, Rev. Maurice L. de Vries, has a training class of young people. His Lenten sermon subjects are as follows: "The March of Brotherhood," "On Being Afraid of Jesus," "The Day of the Lord is Darkness," "Some Glimmer of the Dawn," "Were You There at Calvary," "The Way of the Cross," and "Jesus Christ is Risen."

REDWOOD CITY. This church is going ahead under the very fine spiritual leadership of Rev. Francis W. Russell, interim pastor. One hundred sixty members were present at the annual meeting. The Sunday School has made a substantial increase. All departments are functioning and there is widespread acceptance of responsibility. Once each two months there is an evening round-table meeting to discuss the problems of the church. A young married people's Bible class has been formed, and a men's class and club are in prospect.

TULARE. At the February tea of the Congregational women there were interesting displays of antiques, including baby clothes, dishes, a quilt, and lanterns which came over the plains during the Civil War. There was also some wood carving by Edward C. Beals, who did the carving for the pulpit when the church was built.

SACRAMENTO. Eighteen members were received at the February communion. Rev. Torrance Phelps is chaplain of the Assembly of the State Legislature. Rev. Erwin L. Shaver and Rev. Stanley U. North were pulpit guests on two recent Sundays.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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EXCELLENT BEGINNING

There were an unusually large number of the women in attendance at the February meeting of the Federation, and we enjoyed hearing our new President, Mrs. James H. Price. She brought us word from the Mid-winter Conference at Cleveland, as also did Mrs. Scott Haymond, now Secretary of Young People's work, and the Rev. William Meyer who has the charge of young people's work in the whole Conference.

At the Executive Board meeting, held the preceding day—the only time when the two meetings occur on different days—a number of measures were adopted in which we are all especially interested. For the Thank Offering, the goal of $3,000 was set, to be divided according to the Conference percentages; that is, 54% for Northern California Conference work; 22% for the American Board; 21% for the Home Boards; and 3% for the Council for Social Action. Put into figures for our Thank Offering projects, this will mean $1,000 for the South Berkeley Community Church in which we are all so especially interested; $620 for the children's work of Grace United Church which we have been aiding for a number of years; $630 for our Hospital and social work at Grants, New Mexico; $660 for the Means School for Girls in Africa; and $90 to go toward the financing of a team of speakers on Race Relations, who will speak at our various young people's camps.

Another matter which all women are asked to make note of, is a change of names for some of our Federation offices. The name "Reading List Chairman" is changed to "Literature Chairman," a change which met with whole-hearted approval from all the women at both meetings. It means a much wider field for Mrs. Philip Greisinger, the Secretary, whose work has been limited just to the promotion of the Reading Lists. This, in turn, will mean additional work, for which reason this year Mrs. Greisinger has an assistant, Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, whom we welcome on our Board. Another change is in the name of "Prayer Guild Secretary," which is now "Devotional Life Secretary." Judging from the favor with which this change was greeted by the secretary of one of the local groups, Mrs. F. Howard Seely of the First Church, Oakland, who is starting her ninth year in that office in the church, that, too, is a welcome change. The name of the "Social Welfare Secretary" is changed to "Friendly Service Secretary," a change which obviates the confusion frequently experienced between "Social Welfare" and "Social Relations." A fourth change, that of "Social Relations" to "Social Action" is in order to conform to the usage in the Conference.

Work packets, consisting of all kinds of literature pertaining to women's work in the churches, will be sent to the presidents of the local women's groups in all Northern California. If you would like help in any phase of your own work, ask your president if there is not something in her packet for your need.

The M. E. M. study subjects for the year will be: for the Home Field, The Church among Uprooted Americans; for the Foreign Fields, Africa.

Mrs. L. K. Doty, Secretary of the newly-christened Friendly Service work, was not able to be present, but she sent her report, which contained so much that our women should know, that it is here given almost in full. Mrs. Doty has received most of the quotas for the work, and the remainder will come soon. (This refers to the Homeland work, as the American Board has not sent out quotas since war conditions made the sending of packages impossible. However, gifts of money are needed and welcome.) Mrs. Doty will mail the quotas soon. Relief sewing for vicitims of the war will be needed in greater quantity than ever, as more people are liberated. The collection of such work has been hampered in the past because there was no distribution center to which material could be shipped. But Mrs. Doty has opened one room of her house for this purpose, and material is now being shipped to her and should be ready for distribution to local groups in two or three weeks. If your group will sew on this material, please write Mrs. Doty, 929 Webster St., Palo Alto, stating about how many garments your group will work on, and giving name and address to the one to whom to mail the material. Note: Each local group is responsible for mailing completed garments to New York. No yarn for knitting is available at present.

Mrs. Doty also stated what Mrs. William Meyer, Home Field Secretary, emphasized: a drive for new and used clothing will be held in April; no other drive will be held for any foreign country this year. Distribution of clothing will be handled under U. N. R. R. A. Mr. Meyer spoke of the pressing needs, since in many countries people are starving and freezing to death.

Mrs. Chester Marliave, of the Speakers' Bureau reported, that although it seemed difficult to secure missionary speakers of our own denomination, we should soon have Mrs. Lynda Goodsell Blake among us and shall be able to hear her. Miss Lda Louise Jackson is a possible speaker on interracial matters and Dr. Adelaide Frame from Iran. If you write Mrs. Marliave for any of these, be sure to give her time enough to make the necessary arrangements. Mrs. Marliave also states that the Presbyterian House in San Francisco has a film, with narrative accompaniment, on South America, and that other films may be obtained from the University Extension.

Perhaps one of the most delightful parts of the meeting was listening to Mrs. Price's report of her visit to Grants on her way home from the Cleveland Conference. Grants' Hospital has been a dearly-loved project among us for a long time, and we heard of it now at first hand. Mrs. Price talked with the Hospital board and with the men and women whom she met in restaurants and on the streets. She went through the hospital building and told us the lay-out of the rooms and the furnishings, such as they were. She learned that we have a little Mexican church there which was being supplied at that time by a young Protestant preacher from Mexico who was taking his vacation that way. She met and was guided around by Miss Pearl Walrath who carries on the church when no visiting preacher is present, and is at all times our social worker in the town and the outlying community. She learned about the mining and agricultural interests there, which have developed since the town was mainly just a railroad junction. In short, she introduced us to Grants and made us know it as we never have before.

Other secretaries brought us other good things, but it is impossible to include them all in this issue. Come to the next meeting of the Federation and hear for yourselves.

EUREKA. A building committee has been set up which will be making studies of the needs and location of the church looking toward the future. Rev. Charles H. Hudson, the pastor, is a believer in literature, and distributes quantities of it freely. He also sees to it that there are books are available for borrowing. Supt. Gill visited Eureka March 18, preaching in the morning and holding a conference following pot-luck luncheon.

PESCADERO. Under the leadership of Mr. William Keeney, the pastor, the work of the church in the community is brighter than for some time. There is a Bible School on one day of each week, with classes for Beginners and Seniors. There are new people in the community who are taking an interest in the work of the church.

WOODSIDE. Eight new members were received at the February communion. The church school is now the largest it has ever been, and has a splendid corps of teachers. Rev. Burton M. Palmer, the pastor, reports the death of the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Johnson through military action in France. Mr. Johnson is a trustee of the church.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The Lenten program, besides the regular Sunday morning sermons, includes Thursday morning Bible classes and a pastor's training class, all conducted by Rev. Vere V. Loper. Other ministers will share in the Sunday evening radio service. Each Sunday morning at 10:00 there will be session of a school of religion.

ALAMEDA. On Thursday evenings during Lent, following pot-luck suppers, there are devotional services with themes centering about the Beatitudes. Prof. Buell Gallagher and Prof. Herman E. Wornom have been speakers at Sunday evening meetings of the young adults. Rev. Ralph V. Conard is pastor.

CROCKETT. There is now a delightful lady of the manse. The pastor, Rev. C. Virgil Carlson early in January brought into the parsonage as his wife a young lady from Washington whom he had met in a previous pastorate at Aberdeen. The Crockett people tendered a delighful afternoon reception to the bride.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Attendance at Sunday School is as large as facilities can well accommodate. The young people made a splendid presentation of the Cazadero project. A group of the officers of the church met with Rev. Stanley U. North and Superintendent Gill, when the opportunities of the church were discussed, and ways and means explored for improving the plant. Rev. Eugene Sill is pastor.

STOCKTON. Rev. Noel J. Breed has a confirmation class during Lent for children who have reached the 7th grade. A warm welcome is extended to boys of the church home on furlough. Rev. and Mrs. David Stowe were guests of the Semper Fidelis Circle, speaking on "Why We Are Going Overseas in Christian Service."

LODI, EBENEZER. The church building which was enlarged only two years ago is now crowded each Sunday, with people in the basement listening over loud speaker system. The church building and parsonage almost completely cover the lot, so it appears to be necessary to find a new location and build a new structure. Rev. F. W. Gross is the pastor.

ADIN. The floor of the church has been raised and supported by heavy timbers. Attractive insulated wallboard is to be installed. Rev. Janie McMillan Lewis, pastor, has been made chaplain of the Bieber Post of the American Legion Auxiliary.

MARTINEZ. Rev. T. T. Giffen has been granted a sixty-day vacation, which he will spend in the Santa Cruz mountains. During this period the pulpit will be cared for by Prof. Hugh Vernon White of the Pacific School of Religion.

FAIRFAX. Church attendance has shown some increase. A new Cradle Roll is being started. New chairs and some carpet are being secured. Rev. Rudolph Caughey is pastor.

Treasurers, take notice! Hereafter all checks and money orders coming to the Conference office should be made out to the Northern California Congregational Conference, or to K. C. Kinney, Treasurer.

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